transferred from one Council to another, here again the question is a difficult one and it is more easily said than done. The scales of pay of subordinates differ in the different Councils ; how is the transfer to be effected in such cases ? The varying finances of the various Councils render the introduction of uniform scales of pay difficult. The Quilon or Nagercoil Council can afford to pay its Sanitary Inspector Rs. 100, but your Municipality may be able to pay him only Rs. 25. Then how do you expect the transfer of these people ? It is not a very easy matter. The matter is one which will have to be discussed at a Municipal Conference. The representation will be considered.

87. Some urgent needs of the Mavelikara Municipality.

Mr. N. Pappu Pillai (Member, Municipal Council, Mavelikara) began his representation by saying that, although all the taxes leviable under the Municipal Regulation had been imposed by the Mavelikara municipality, still that Council stood low occupying the eighteenth place among the nineteen municipalities in the State, in point of finance. The two most important tanks within municipal limits, *viz.*, the Valiyakulam and the Kandiyurkulam, stood in urgent need of repairs, and the Member prayed that a special grant of Rs. 365 be allowed for the repair of the former and that the latter be repaired wholly at the Government cost. He also thanked the Government for sanctioning the necessary repairs to the Teruvilkulam and the Velakkulam tanks. They were, however, not so urgent as the repairs to the other two tanks. The Member next pressed on the attention of the Government the need for the construction of another boat jetty at Arattukadavu.

He then spoke on the need for a public latrine in the town to meet the needs of the townfolk and other persons drawn to the town by business. The Municipality, he submitted, had no money to purchase a site for the same, but if Government would give the Municipality a site, the Council would put up a latrine at its own cost. He also observed in that connection that, if Government could give a portion of the site which they had acquired for putting up Government offices and which was now proposed to be sold in public auction, that would suffice for the present.

The Member next prayed for increased grant being given to the Municipality, as it was greatly handicapped in many ways by want of funds.

He also urged the need for the extension to the Prayikkara groyne, already sanctioned, being taken in hand at once, and for the other three groynes, also decided upon, being constructed.

Dewan's reply.—You ask for a grant of Rs. 365 for Valiyakulam. I think it will be possible to give you that grant for cleaning and repairing the tank, if the Municipal Council will apply for it. As for the Kandiyurkulam, I believe it is under the control of the Devaswom Department and I must ask the Devaswom Commissioner to say whether he can attend to it. Then you referred to the Teruvilkulam and Velakkulam tanks which are about to be repaired and which, you say, are not urgent. The Chief Engineer says that he is not aware of these works, nor do I remember to have seen any correspondence about these two tanks. The matter will be enquired into.

As for the Prayikkara groyne, we have constructed one, and we have to see the effect of it. It is then alone that we can consider the question of its extension or the supply of another groyne. If it has served its purpose, we will construct additional groynes.

As for public latrines, I do not think Mavelikara is a place where public latrines are a crying need. It is a place with spacious and extensive compounds. It is not clear to me why you want public latrines there which are an eye-sore anywhere.

As regards the selling of the Cutcherry land, there is no such proposal before Government. In regard to the jetty, I will call for an estimate. I do not think we can construct a boat basin. If it is possible to repair the existing landing near Mavelikara at the Arattukadavu, we shall be glad to do it.

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